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A RECORD SMASHER IN SESSIONS COURT

Sixteen Cases Before Court
in Two Days.

JUDGE S. W. G. SHIPP
ON THE BENCH

Several Murder Cases to Come up During the Latter Part of the Week. Docket Rapidly Cleared so Little Likelihood of Special Term.

With a record of sixteen cases before it in two days, besides several appeal cases from the lower courts, the general sessions court is clearing the docket with lightning-like rapidity. Judge S. W. G. Shipp, of Florence, is on the bench and Stenographer Dodson is taking down the records of the court. Solicitor Cooper, Sheriff Owings and Clerk of Court Power are in their accustomed places. In the absence of Mr. Downs Barksdale, who his friends will regret to learn is quite sick at his home, Mr. Warren Stribling is acting as court crier.

Although Solicitor Cooper thought at one time that he would ask for a special term of court to clear the jail, such rapid progress has been made during the present term that it is hardly expected that it will be necessary to take this step. However, there are several murder cases to be tried and it is hard to tell how much time these cases will require.

The grand jury will hardly finish its business before the latter part of the week as this is the term of court in which they finish their business. They have had a great many petty cases before them and it has taken considerable time to act upon them. They are not yet through with the consideration of indictments.

The following are the cases so far brought up for trial:

Cleburn Epps: house breaking and larceny. Guilty, two years.

Will Aiken: house breaking and larceny. Guilty, two years.

James Rosemont: larceny. Guilty, one year.

Charley Gray, Luther Gray: assault and battery of high and aggravated nature and carrying concealed weapons. Guilty both charges, 16 months or \$150.

C. C. Anderson: disposing of property under lien. Guilty, sealed sentence.

Jesse Barksdale: violation of the dispensary law. Guilty, three months or \$100.

Tom Barksdale: assault and battery with intent to kill. Guilty, two years.

Gene Anderson: assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. \$50 and 12 months.

R. E. Childress: assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. \$200 and 2 years.

Grover Beeks: violation of the dispensary law. Guilty, \$100 or 3 months.

Ezell Watkins: assault and battery with intent to kill. \$200 or 9 months. Sentence suspended during good behavior on payment of \$50.

Ace Young: house breaking and larceny. Guilty, 18 months.

J. C. Coleman alias John Coleman: assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons. \$200 and 6 months. Suspended during good behavior on payment of \$100.

Frank Long: assault and battery with intent to kill. \$50 or three months.

Walter Benson and Norman Green: assault and battery with intent to kill. Not guilty as to Walter Benson, guilty of assault and battery of high and aggravated nature and recommended to the mercy of the court as to Norman Green. Sentence not yet passed.

George Lark: violation of dispensary law, now on trial.

Opens Marble Yard.

Mr. G. P. Puckett, an experienced tombstone man from Westminster, arrived in Laurens several days ago and has opened up a marble business on the lot in the rear of Solomon's jewelry store. Mr. Puckett has been in this business nearly thirty years and is said to have a thorough knowledge of the business. This is an industry that Laurens has never been engaged in here and doubtless Mr. Puckett will make a success of it.

INRUSH OF PUPILS AT CITY SCHOOLS

Unusually Large Number of Children Attending this Year. More Teachers Needed.

The 1913-14 session of the Laurens city schools began Monday morning with increased enrollments in all departments. At the city graded school short introductory exercises were held when the children and teachers were welcomed back to their work and the plans for the year outlined. The exercises were opened by the singing of "America" by the school, after which Rev. L. P. McGee read a short selection from the bible. Rev. M. L. Lawson delivered an invocation, after which Supt. Jones extended a hearty welcome to pupils and teachers. Mr. C. H. Roper, chairman of the board of trustees, briefly spoke a few words of cheer and encouragement.

The school trustees are confronted with a situation of unexpected increase of enrollment and a scarcity of funds to meet the increased expenses incident thereto. After all the pupils were enrolled Monday morning it was found that there were forty two more children present than last year and that several of the grades were so crowded as to necessitate a division of grades to provide for proper instruction. It is possible that several more teachers will be secured to meet the emergency. However, some steps, not yet decided upon, will have to be taken to meet the additional expenses.

Before the close of the exercises Monday morning, Mr. Jones called upon the parents of the school to remain for a short time after the children were dismissed to their rooms in order that he might have a conference with them upon some school matters in which he desired their co-operation. Quite a number of the patrons stayed to discuss the affairs of the school with Mr. Jones. While Mr. Jones outlined a few things in which he desired the aid of the patrons, this short conference was in reality but the forerunner of a larger meeting to be held some time in the future.

Chicken with three "Floppers."

The first definite promise of an exhibit at the county fair came in Monday, when Mr. T. Houston Babb, of the Rabun community, stated that he intended showing a husky chicken with three wings. Unlike most freaks of nature of animal kind, this chicken is said to be perfectly healthy and robust. However, those coming to the fair need not expect to see two wings in their usual places and a third one cropping out of the middle of the chicken's back. This is not the way this chicken developed its prize third flopper. Instead, it allowed two wings to grow where only one was intended to grow. So when the count is made in the prize one wing will be found on the nose side and two wings on the other.

Prize for Essay.

Miss Janey Garlington who is teaching the Rock Bridge school, has offered a medal to be given on the best paper entitled "Reconstruction in Laurens County."

This offer is open to any child in the seventh grade of a state aided high school, who makes an average for seven months of ninety-seven or over on History. Miss Garlington's pamphlet on Reconstruction in Laurens County has been sent to the publisher. This is quite an interesting as well as instructive history of Laurens County during the trying times.

Visitors From Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cunningham of Middlebury, Vt., were visitors in Laurens last Sunday. They came up from Madden and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Roper. Mr. Cunningham, a son of W. L. Cunningham, of this county, is one of the distinguished sons of Laurens. He is now professor of English and moral philosophy at Middlebury College. Sunday morning and evening he delighted the congregation at the First Baptist church with several solos. He is gifted with a most excellent tenor voice.

Dividend Declared.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Laurens Glass Works it was decided to declare a seven percent dividend on the preferred stock. Checks covering the amount have been issued to the stockholders.

HOW TO HAVE GOOD ROADS

The last issue of The Newberry Observer contained a short statement given out by Supervisor Chappell about a certain portion of road which he had worked. The following was the statement of the Newberry supervisor:

"Last week I had the chaingang working on Mr. Will Eddy's mail route, which was almost impassable in many places. The people in that neighborhood became so enthusiastic over the good work that I had done that they offered to send twelve wagons to help me put sand and gravel on this week. If I would only let the chaingang stay this week. Of course I agreed, and I am glad that I did, for, instead of their sending twelve wagons, they sent twenty, and furnished the sand and gravel free. Mind you, all of these men had paid their commutation tax. I will give you their names, hoping it may arouse true manhood to exert itself in some other community. Just to think that men who do not even work at home have public spirit enough to bring their wagons and drive them themselves all the week in the hot sun to help the supervisor build good roads! It is something to think about. I would like to say just here that any neighborhood that wants the chaingang in their community and will send their wagons to help me, they will get the chaingang right now.

"I said I would give the names of the public-spirited gentlemen who so generously helped me. They are: Fred Schumpert, Arthur Werts, Oscar Long, Press Livingston, Dan Livingston, James Stephens, and several others whose names I cannot now recall.

"Let the next community say how bad they want the chaingang."

Supervisor Humbert Makes an Offer.

A representative of The Advertiser approached Supervisor Humbert about this incident and asked would he make the same offer as the Newberry supervisor. Mr. Humbert said that he had made several offers like this before and had aided different communities in the same manner and that moreover he still stood ready to give reasonable assistance to those communities progressive enough to get out and help do the work. While of course it would be utterly impossible for him to send the chaingangs to several different parts of the county at the same time, still where any real concerted effort is to be made to work the roads he will send help and plenty of it.

Mr. Humbert cited the instance of a like movement already on foot in this county. The people living along the road from Laurens to Tylersville are banding together and making liberal contributions to re-locate that old road line, grade five or six bad hills and put good soil on the crown of the old roadway. This work will soon be in progress.

The opportunity of having good roads is in reach of any community that is willing to help itself by contributing labor. Some leading spirit in each community should do the organizing and Mr. Humbert will do the rest. Get together!

TO BEGIN OPERATIONS.

Fires have been built in the Glass Factory Furnace and Manufacture will begin about September 15th.

Supt. Bryant started the fires in the furnace at the glass factory Wednesday morning. It generally takes from a week to ten days for the furnace to get hot enough for the blowers to begin work. It is expected that actual manufacture of bottles will begin again on the 15th of the month.

President C. H. Roper has been visiting the plant daily since his election some weeks ago and has about gotten familiar with the essential details of the business. He is very optimistic over the outlook for the ensuing year. Mr. Roper is expecting to run the plant at full capacity throughout the entire season.

About half of the glass blowers most of those with families, spent their vacations in Laurens and the others have been enjoying the season's rest in their former homes. For a couple of weeks several parties enjoyed a camping outing on Enoree River and feel much refreshed for the winter's work.

Several days ago the seven per cent guaranteed dividend on the preferred stock was mailed out to its holders. The surplus remaining has been applied on the past indebtedness of the plant.

Big Crew Returns.

Mr. L. E. Burns, representing the local branch of the Red Iron Racket returned Friday from the northern markets. He was accompanied by buyers representing their stores in Greenwood, Anderson, Greenville and Spartanburg. He states that with this combination they have bought goods in car-load lots and expect to continue selling the same goods for less money.

Opens New Store.

Mr. H. J. Felton, who formerly ran a large book store in Greenville, has opened a book and stationery store in one of the rooms of the new Bank of Laurens building. He will also handle magazines and novelties of various kinds. Mr. Felton has had 34 years experience in the book business and will no doubt add more years of success in business in Laurens.

Meeting of Palmetto Lodge.

The regular meeting of Palmetto Lodge No. 19 will be held in the lodge rooms Friday night, Sept. 12th. Members are requested to take notice.

BIG MINSTRELS COMING.

Humorous as Well as Otherwise Entertaining Performance expected for Friday Night.

Under the direction of Mrs. Devereux Turner, those who are to take part in the amateur minstrel Friday night have been practicing faithfully for the past few days and have already become familiar with most of the lines. Songs and new jokes, with some extra fancy local hits, have been combined into a program of surpassing attractiveness. The show is said to be a hummer.

It has already been whispered about that several prominent personages around town are preparing to "make a killing" that night and from all reports they will be a "sight worth seeing". Not to mention any names at all, it is said that a well known young gentleman is to be dressed—but that would be telling. But it won't be a slit skirt, alright. Come out and see it.

The minstrel is being gotten up for the benefit of the county hospital, so it is thought that a large audience will be present to help out this institution. The curtain will go up promptly at 8:30. At that time every ticket holder is expected to be present.

To Aid Farmers.

The Advertiser is in receipt of the following letter from Congressman Johnson:

The other day I had a request from Greenville county to secure a sufficient quantity of inoculating fluid to enable one hundred farmers each to put three acres in vetch and crimson clover. I succeeded in getting the fluid. The plan is as follows: Set aside three acres this fall for rotation purposes and plant one acre in vetch and oats to be cut for hay next spring and followed with peas. The other two acres are to be sown in crimson clover to be plowed under next spring and one acre planted in corn and one acre planted in cotton. The acres will be rotated so as to complete the cycle in three years.

Why may I not have the pleasure of trying to secure inoculating material for hundreds of farmers in Laurens county?

Yours very truly,

Joseph T. Johnson,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.,
September 4, 1913.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SUCCESS

Reports Show Very Fine Increase Over Those of Last Year. New Officers Elected and Plans Made for Bettering Conditions in This County.

Holding one of the most interesting and instructive meetings in the history of the organization, the Laurens County Interdenominational Sunday School Convention convened with the Sunday school at Bramblets church last Wednesday and Thursday. The sessions were well attended and marked by the closest interest and enthusiasm. Many entertaining talks were made by prominent Sunday school workers from this and other counties. The reports from the various members of this organization were very encouraging, showing a marked improvement over the reports in the past.

The delegates express themselves as highly pleased with the good work done at this meeting and speak in the highest terms of the delightful manner in which they were entertained. In fact, the hosts expressed their sorrow that there were not more delegates to entertain and all wished that they had invited the state convention to meet with them. The delegates were met at the train at Gray Court and Woodruff and carried back to these places in buggies.

The officers elected for the following year are as follows:

President, J. O. Denny.
1st Vice President, C. B. Owings.
2nd Vice President, B. R. Fuller.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Babb.
Executive Committee, Dr. H. K. Aiken, J. C. Smith, M. J. Anderson, B. H. Boyd, J. B. Humbert, W. A. Baldwin, Fred Whitmore, W. A. McClintock, G. T. Cook.

The following program was carried out:

Program.

10:30—Song Service.
Scripture lesson and prayer by W. E. Wright.
10:55—Welcome address, R. G. Harris.
Response by Pres. J. E. Johnson.
11:00—The needs of our county and the real aim of the S. S., by Prof. Hayne.
12:00—How organized S. S. work can help us meet our needs and a few remarks about 3 months in Europe, by Miss Grace Vandiver.
12:30—Appointment of committees.
Enrollment of delegates.
Dinner.
2:30—Devotional service, W. R. Wallace.
Round table talks—Sunday school management, by Miss Vandiver.
Education and religion by E. P. McCravy of Easley, S. C.
The people not enrolled and how to reach them, by Prof. Clinkscales.
Song service and prayer by W. L. Gray.
Round table discussion by Miss Vandiver and numerous others; J. C. Smith, J. F. Tolbert, W. L. Gray, Miller Curry and others.
How to organize the county or townships in county, by Miss Vandiver.
Talk by Prof. Clinkscales.
Report from committees.

Back From Abroad.

Miss Will Lou Gray and Miss Madge Harris, after a delightful tour of several months in the European countries, returned to Laurens several days ago. While abroad Miss Gray interested herself in school conditions and will put some of the ideas gained there into execution here in her work as rural school supervisor. After a summer so delightfully spent she is ready to enter enthusiastically into her work with the schools of Laurens county.

Rock Bridge School Opens.

Rock Bridge, Sept. 8.—The Rock Bridge school, three miles from Clinton, began work Monday morning, with Miss Janey Garlington, of Columbia, as principal.

It was a most delightful opening, with quite a crowd of the patrons present and thirty children being enrolled.

Working on the advice of the teachers this school is to have a "community day" on October the eleventh. This is something new for this part of the south. Quite a large crowd is expected as several men and women of note will speak on farm topics and home economics. This school also enjoys the distinction of having a three acre demonstration farm.

THE OLD VETERANS IN ANNUAL REUNION

Pleasant Gathering of Soldiers Saturday.

SPECIAL EXERCISES
PROVE INTERESTING

Addresses Delivered by Hon. R. A. Cooper, Hon. F. P. McGowan. Beautiful Rendition "The Boys in Gray" by Mrs. Boyd. Recitation by James Fleming.

The Laurens Survivors association, composed of the Confederate veterans of Laurens county, held its annual reunion in the court house Saturday and was largely attended by the old soldiers. About half of the survivors of the great war were in attendance and spent the day very pleasantly together. The following account of the meeting is taken from the minutes of the association:

The annual meeting of Laurens Survivors of the war of the Sixties was held in the court house on Saturday the 6th inst.

Capt. W. A. McClintock presided and O. G. Thompson took notes of proceedings for Secretary W. P. Coker who was unable to attend.

The meeting opened with prayer led by the Chaplain, Rev. J. K. McCain.

Next came "The Boys in Gray" beautifully rendered by Mrs. Masie Boyd. A motion of thanks to the lady was answered by a rousing Rebel yell.

Then a recitation by James Fleming of Lanford. The young man acquitted himself handsomely and was given a hearty cheer.

This was followed by addresses by Hon. F. P. McGowan and Hon. R. A. Cooper. These gentlemen both went into the causes, conduct and consequences of the great war for Southern Independence in an eloquent and instructive manner, and were roundly cheered.

The association re-elected the incumbents to serve another year, W. A. McClintock, president; W. P. Coker, Secretary; Rev. J. K. McCain, chaplain.

O. G. Thompson read a paper giving the names and time of enlistment and numbers of the various commands that went from Laurens county, showing that there were first and last nearly 3,000 men and boys that enlisted from this county. He also reported what had been done to carry out the joint resolution of the legislature of 1911 in regard to enrolling the soldiers of Laurens county. The roll now has the names of 2,537 soldiers.

The boys, one hundred and one in number, were fed at the several boarding houses of the city and were loud in their praise of the good ladies and proprietors who fed them so handsomely.

Although no formal resolutions were offered or passed thanking them, yet every comrade could not and will not forget those who were so active in entertaining the old boys.

It is estimated that there are about 200 survivors in the county. This day was enjoyed by every veteran.

W. A. McClintock,
President.
W. P. Coker,
Secretary.

Caught Escaped Convict.

John Linder, a negro who escaped from the county chain gang in December, 1910 and who has been at large ever since, was captured in Spartanburg Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Reid. Linder was convicted of house breaking and larceny and escaped a few months after being placed on the gang. A clue as to his whereabouts was picked up some time ago and the deputy sheriff went out to follow it up. Meeting the negro on the street in Spartanburg, Mr. Reid confronted him with his photograph. Though denying his identity at first, Linder admitted that he was the man wanted and submitted to arrest without protest.

Goes to New Jersey.

Miss Ida C. Turner, who has been supplying for Miss Will Lou Gray for several months during the summer season and who was to teach at Mountville this year, has accepted a position as head of the primary department in the schools of Board Brook, N. J.